

***Amendments to the Specification***

On page 1 of the specification, please amend the paragraph following the title  
Cross-Reference to Related Applications as follows:

The present application claims priority to the Provisional application entitled  
“Methods for Two-Stage Noise Feedback Coding of Speech and Audio Signals,” Serial  
No. 60/242,700 (Attorney Docket No. 1875.0250000), Juin-Hwey Chen, filed on  
October 25, 2000, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.